

## **REMARKS**

Claims 22 and 23 are now in the application.

Claim 23 is directed to the combination of the system support and base plate and the connecting elements.

Claim 22 is directed to the connecting element alone, such as shown in Fig. 2.

The claim objections to claims 1 and 4 have been noted and appropriate corrections have been made. Note claim 1 is withdrawn and is replaced by claim 22.

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated based on Seibold (US Patent 5,435,107).

Seibold '107 discloses a bracket for repairing an attachment of an outer façade element to an inner hook-bearing element. The reference has an elongated opening 10 with transversely extending tooth-like ribs 18. A support plate 15 has an arched bearing surface 16 divided by a central web 19 which engages in the slot or opening 10.

There is no corrugation (previously beads) located laterally outwardly of the slot 10. The applicants have noted that the term "bead" originally used is also translated by "corrugation". The specification has been amended to replace "bead" with "corrugation" which is more appropriate, particularly considering the shapes of the "corrugations" in Fig. 2.


The corrugations in claim 22 are spaced outwardly from the elongated opening so that the inner sides of the corrugation face toward the opening and form tooth-like notches. There is nothing in Seibold to suggest the corrugations as in claim 22.

In Seibold the central web 19 is engaged in the slot 10, it does not suggest a corrugation spaced laterally outwardly from the elongated opening. The arched-bearing surface 16 does not suggest the complementary tooth-like notches as set forth in claim 22.

There is nothing in Seibold to disclose or suggest the combination as set forth in claim 23.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claims presently in the application are allowable and a favorable action on the application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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